

On page 4, fourth line from the bottom, please delete "such containers" and insert -- aerosol containers in accordance with the invention--.

Rather than page 4, this amendment should be to page 2, fourth line from the bottom.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please delete claim 1 and replace with new claim 15 as follows:

31 -- 15. An aerosol container system for metering and administering pharmaceutically active aerosols supplied in the form of a suspension, the suspension including a pharmaceutically active agent and a propellant gas free of fluorochlorohydrocarbons, said aerosol container system comprising:

- a container for storing the suspension comprising a container wall, the inner portion of said container wall which defines the interior of the container being coated with a plastics coating which inhibits the pharmaceutically active agent in the suspension from depositing thereon, and
- a metering valve system for dosing and releasing the suspension comprising a metering chamber and a valve stem, said valve stem capable of being displaced from a first position to a second position,

wherein in the first position the valve stem affords communication between the interior of the container and the metering chamber while simultaneously blocking communication between the metering chamber and the outside of the aerosol container system such that the metering chamber can be filled with a dose of the suspension from the container, and

wherein in the second position the valve stem blocks communication between the interior of the container and the metering chamber while simultaneously affording communication between the metering chamber and the outside of the aerosol

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container system such that the dose of suspension in the metering chamber can be released from the aerosol container system. --

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In claims 2-4, 9 and 10, line 1 of each, please delete "container according to claim 1" and insert --container system according to claim 15--.

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In claim 5, line 4, please delete "substance and an alternative" and replace with --agent and a--; and line 6, please delete "container according to claim 1" and insert --container system according to claim 15--.

In claim 6, line 2 (both occurrences), claims 7 and 8, line 2 of each, and claim 14, line 1, please delete "substance" and replace with --agent--.

In claim 11, line 1, after "container" please insert --system--.

### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 1 has been hereinabove replaced with new claim 15.

Claims 2-15 as amended are presented for reconsideration.